

Amendment No. 1 to HB1698

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1852

House Bill No. 1698*

by deleting all language following the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-307, is amended by redesignating the current language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new subdivisions thereto:

(8) Any unreasonable deprivation of the grandparent's opportunity to visit with the child by the child's parents or guardian, including denying visitation of the minor child to the grandparent for a period exceeding ninety (90) days;

(9) Whether the grandparent is seeking to maintain a significant existing relationship with the child;

(10) Whether awarding grandparent visitation would not interfere with the parent-child relationship; and

(11) Any court finding that the child's parents or guardian are unfit.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-307, is further amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(b) The court presiding over grandparent visitation may award attorney's fees and costs to the prevailing party.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.